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ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

10 Pretty Good Rules on Customer Relations

How often do you take to internalize why you may not be getting along with or meeting the expectations of certain customers? This presentation identifies 10 "pretty good rules" that can help you develop better customer relationships and enhance communication with customers, peers, and management. With today's busy schedules and methods of electronic communication, we sometimes overlook the basics and importance of face-to-face communication and protocols. Going back to some basic principles and applying lessons learned from both negative and positive experiences is sometimes the most effective means in addressing the communication gap. When we communicate effectively, we can accomplish great things.

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